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Madison, Wisconsin --Rodney Spruill, 38, of Calumet City, Illinois, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 151 months in prison without parole for transporting two minor females from Madison to the Chicago area with the intent that the girls would engage in prostitution in the Chicago area. Spruill pleaded guilty in October 2005, to transporting one of the minors for the purpose of prostitution.

The government's proof showed that on or about May 2, 2005, that Spruill and a friend transported two fifteen-year-old girls from Madison, Wisconsin to Chicago, Illinois. When they arrived in Chicago, Spruill purchased clothes, shoes and makeup for the girls and also provided them with false identification showing them to be adults. That evening, the defendant took the girls to a party and told them to strip and dance in front of approximately 20 males, and also told one of the girls to have sexual contact with at least one of those males for money.

U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz stated that he was amazed at Spruill's continued deviant conduct. In October 2000, Spruill committed a similar offense when he transported two minor females from La Crosse, Wisconsin to Chicago, Illinois for the purpose of prostitution. Spruill was convicted of that offense in this district in 2001, and sentenced to 57 months in prison. Spruill was released from federal prison to a

half-way house in February 2005, and was released into the community in March 2005 to begin his 3-year term of supervised release. Just two months into his supervision, Spruill committed this crime. Spruill's sentence in this case was increased because he was on supervised release at the time he committed this crime. Spruill's sentence was also increased because, in addition to transporting the girls in this case for prostitution, he personally had sexual contact with the two girls.

The charge against Spruill was the result of an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Madison and Chicago, the Madison Police Department, and the Calumet City, Illinois Police Department. Prosecution of this case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura A. Przybylinski Finn.

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